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## Club Calendar

Tuesday, June 7--Hawaiian Luau.  
Cocktails at 6, dinner at 7:30.  
Thursday, June 9--Preview of Film  
"The Shrike" 7 & 9 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 14--Luncheon...Geraldine Fitch on Quemoy.

## Special Preview of "The Shrike" For OPC

Cornelius Ryan, chairman of the program committee, has announced that a special press showing of the film version of the Pulitzer Prize winning play, "The Shrike," will be held in two showings on June 9.

Through the courtesy of Phil Gerard, Universal-International will hold two showings of the film in their private theater on the 7th floor of 445 Park Avenue at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on the ninth.

Tickets will be made available free through the OPC club receptionist and will be given out on a first-come basis.

## People & Places

Whit Burnett and his wife, Hallie left last week for three months in Europe, traveling on the "United States." Mrs. Burnett has been named an American delegate to the Vienna Congress of the PEN Club June 12-19... Alfred King of World Wide and Serge Fliegers of Inter-Continental Press are in Terre Haute, Ind., for an agricultural conference organized by the Pfizer Corporation... Luther Conant, Jr., who started his own public-relations firm two years ago, has moved to larger quarters at 295 Madison Avenue and has also opened a branch office at 11 Commerce Street, Newark, N.J.... 18-year-old Pat Young, youngest OPC member, who has been a photographer with the Anderson Independent and Daily Mail for three years, won 23 certificates and a trophy in recent state-wide South Carolina scholastic press association

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## OPC URGES PROBE OF SYMONDS DEATH



LOCHNER AND BARTHOLOMEW: ANOTHER NAME TO THE LIST

UP Photo

The Overseas Press Club board of governors has cabled British High Commissioner Malcolm MacDonald expressing its concern over the violent death of UP correspondent Gene Symonds and asking a thorough probe of the circumstances.

The action, taken by the board at its meeting last week, followed a ceremony earlier in the day at which the name of Gene Symonds was added to the memorial library plaques honoring correspondents killed in the line of duty.

"The Overseas Press Club of America, representing 1400 present and former correspondents, wishes to express its deepest concern over the killing of Gene Symonds of the United Press, at Singapore while in the performance of his duty as a foreign correspondent," the resolution said.

"Noting the sharply conflicting accounts of his death, the Overseas Press Club urges that the preparation of evidence and inquest be postponed until the arrival of officials designated by the United Press and this club to represent the deceased and family as well as the press of the free world."

Symonds, UP manager for Southeast Asia, died several hours after a rioting mob he was covering turned and attacked him. Reports from Singapore said he lay beaten and bleeding in the street for several hours before being taken to a hospital.

In a brief ceremony in the Memorial library of the club earlier in the day, the name of Symonds was added to the list of fallen newsmen.

United Press President Frank H. Bartholomew spoke of having parted from Gene Symonds only a brief time previously and paid tribute to Symonds before personally affixing the plaque.

"He earned the respect not only of his own service, but that of all his competition," Bartholomew stated.

"Gene met me at Singapore only recently and the last thought I had was that I would be having to add his name here.

"Gene was much interested in this type of reporting (referring to the politically incited troubles of Singapore) and I tell you as newspapermen that it is

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## PEOPLE & PLACES (Ctd. from p. 1)

picture contest... *Curtis J. Hoyter*, executive vice-president, George Peabody and Associates, has been in the Far East in charge of public relations for the International Chamber of Commerce Conference in Tokyo... *Geraldine Fitch* is back from Formosa, having stopped en route for radio interview in Honolulu, KPIX-TV discussion in San Francisco speeches at the General Federation of Women's Clubs convention in Philadelphia, and Rotary International's Golden Anniversary in Chicago.

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*Leo Margolin* flies to London today to handle press relations for the Consultative Conference of Jewish Organizations from 27 countries June 12-16... *B. Bernard Kreisler*, head of International Film Associates Corporation, returned from an eight week film survey in South America... *Cornelius Ryan* and *Bill Davidson*, with their respective families, are joining the summer exodus from the city next week, fleeing to the breezes and beaches of Westport... *George Browne*, editor of McGraw-Hill's magazine *Industria*, leaves this week for a month's tour of Europe which will include visits to many Scandinavian Industrial sites... Mr. Browne and Charles Mill, publisher of *Industria*, presided at a joint luncheon meeting of McGraw-Hill International Corp. editors and export officials of the Worthington Corporation, last week in the McGraw-Hill dining room.

(Keep the News Coming in  
to the Bulletin.)

## MORE COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED

President Louis Lochner has announced the selection of the following committees:

**Special Projects Committee:** John Barkham (chairman), Patricia Hartwell, Cecil Brown, Stanley Frankel, Kenneth Giniger, Hal Lehrman.

**Freedom of the Press Committee:** Ansel E. Talbert (chairman), Boyan Choukanoff, Irving R. Levine, Harry Kursch.

**Inter-American Affairs Committee:** Robert Eugene Demme, Lucy A. Goldsmith, Lucia Donnelley.

**Hospitality Committee:** Lawrence G. Blochman (chairman), Robert G. Black, O'Carol Colvin, Jewel de Bonilla, Ivan Dmitri, Elliott Elisofon, Lillian Genn, Charles Gillet, Hilda Harrison, Mary Hornaday, Louis Messolonghites, Adele Nathan, Dorothy Omansky, Reavis O'Neal, Will Oursler, Joseph Peters, Madelein Ross, Lin Root, Joseph Ruffner, Geraldine Sartain, James Sheldon.

**Placement:** Spencer Valmy, Dixon Donnelley.

**Who's Who:** Irving Forman (chairman), Carl Bakal, George Brown, Louis Messolonghites.

**Budget:** Richard de Rochemont (chairman), Cecil Brown, Sanford Griffith, Norman Stabler, Wilfred May, *ex-officio*.

William Gray of Life who has held the post for the past two years.

Other officers are: *Richard de Rochemont*, first v.p.; *Pat Hartwell*, second v.p.; *Edward R. Murrow*, third v.p.; *Joseph Wurzel*, treas.; *Bruno Shaw*, asst. treas.; secy., *Mary Hornaday*, and asst. secy., *Clyde Brown*. Trustee, *Walter Rundle*.

## HAWAIIAN PARTY TUESDAY -- MAKE RESERVATIONS AT ONCE

On Tuesday night, the club will hold one of its most gala affairs of the year---the Hawaiian party with orchids and leis for everyone.

Cocktails will precede the Hawaiian event, at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

*Gerry Sartain* and *Hilde Harrison*, co-chairmen of the Hawaii night, reveal there will be Hawaiian musicians, hula dancers, passion fruit punch, exotic food, and a door prize from the islands.

The event will celebrate Kamehameha Day, and Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington, Hawaiian delegate to Congress, will be a special guest. Members are reminded they may have only one guest. Reservations can be made by calling the club.

## FRANK CIPRIANI DIES

Many members of the OPC who were friends of Chicago Tribune travel editor Frank Cipriani were shocked to hear of his death May 28. A foreign correspondent in Greenland and Iceland during the war, he joined the Trib in 1930.

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## Wythe Williams Paris Delegate

Wythe Williams, founder president of the OPC, will represent the club at the Biennale d'Information at Evian-les-Bains, France, June 13 to 17.

The OPC was requested to designate some distinguished member to represent it and preside over a session on freedom of speech and press. The choice of Williams was cited to the Board of Governors who unanimously agreed, as natural as he represented the New York Times in Paris, wrote a book on Georges Clemenceau, and is a chevalier of the French Legion of Honor.

Williams was further charged with arranging a meeting in Paris of the 21 members of the OPC stationed there. He can be contacted through Henry Wales, Chicago Tribune correspondent, 15 Rue de Marignan. He arrives June 10 via Air France.

## Profit Reported For Club In March

The Board of Governors was told at its May 26 meeting that the club facilities operated at a profit in the month of March.

A. Wilfred May, secretary-treasurer, told the board the favorable comparison with previous months stemmed from reduction of some extraordinary expenses.

He recommended, following a study of club operating expenses, that the charge against private parties in the club be increased, and a re-examination of these prices was authorized by the board.

On the recommendation of President Lochner, the board asked that all committee chairmen designate one member to keep a written record of its deliberations and file it with the OPC office. The

board also approved the purchase of a piano for the club.

John Wilhelm, appearing before the board as a newly-returned member after eleven years overseas, spoke on behalf of many members overseas. He said that frequent complaints overseas members were not receiving their OPC Bulletin had evidently now been corrected.

However, he said many returning members, while highly impressed with the new club headquarters, felt the appearance of the dining room and the bar were rather poorly done and suggested that, as both are revenue producing rooms, the house committee consider completely redecorating these two rooms.

He suggested the rooms might be done in a traditional club style, in view of the architectural nature of the rooms, rather than the ultra-modern decor which does not seem to have had a happy result.

## OPC TELEVISION PROGRAM CARRIED BY NBC

The Overseas Press Club had a new program on the air on Sunday afternoon, May 30, when six members appeared on a panel discussion program with Harold E. Stassen on the subject, "How Can We Stop The Arms Race?"

The spot at 3:30 p.m. was time given to the Club by Theodore Granik, whose program, American Forum of the Air, is usually heard at that time over the NBC network. The program was also carried over NBC radio at 6 o'clock.

Granik acted as adviser to the OPC on this program and it was a pilot for a

new series, "International Spotlight," which Granik and the OPC will produce jointly. Further plans are to be announced.

Appearing with Stassen on the program were the following members: Emanuel R. Freedman, foreign news editor of The New York Times, George Hamilton Combs, radio and tv commentator; Eugene Lyons, Readers Digest editor; H. V. Kaltenborn and Pauline Frederick, NBC commentators, and Larry Lesuer, CBS commentator.



OPC PANELISTS INTERVIEW HAROLD STASSEN



## Mathews Tells Luncheon Meeting Of Latin American Tour

Herbert Mathews of The New York Times spoke before a capacity luncheon meeting of the OPC last week where he stressed the need for more extensive coverage of Latin America.

Mathews had completed a visit of several months to the principal Republics south of the border during which time he wrote a number of on the scene analytical dispatches.

"It's trite to say how important it is," Mathews observed, "but Latin America will have 600,000,000 people by the end of the century.

"It's awfully hard to stir up interest in Latin America," he went on, "but there is no point in making a survey — all the editors will simply reply, 'There's no interest in Latin America. My readers are ignorant of the problems of Latin America.'"

"When the wire services check the file of the items they do carry on Latin-America, they find little of them used.

"But this is a vicious circle.

"People wouldn't read about baseball if they didn't know how the game is played.

"One answer is to make it possible for people to learn about Latin America. Some have thought of having editors 'invest' say a half a column a day in Latin America."

Mathews thought that by offering information on Latin-America, the vicious circle of apathy about news of these

countries could be broken.

President Louis Lochner presided at the luncheon.

There was no lack of interest at the luncheon concerning Latin-America. Questioners kept Mathews busy with a barrage of interrogations, largely concerning Argentina.

Mathews told his listeners that Peron appears solidly in office, had demonstrated he was the real power in Argentina and always had been, despite contentions in the past that his late wife, Evita, had been the real power. He said theories have been denied by recent events.

### OPC URGES PROBE

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a most difficult story to cover.

"It is my sad duty to add the name of my friend Gene Symonds."

#### Letter from Singapore

From Singapore, President Lochner received a letter from correspondent and member Edward Hunter giving the broader background or the news picture which Symonds was covering at his death.

It said:

"I trust that our club will do something tangible to honor Gene Symonds, who gave his life at Singapore in the best traditions of Free World journalism. He was a soldier in the service of a free press, and died just as valiantly and as

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necessarily as any man in battle.

"He was a friend of mine, but more than that, I can testify, from what I saw of him during more than a half a year at Singapore that he was the sort of newspaperman who was not satisfied with official communiques, and wasn't scared off a story by the innumerable pressures, ranging from drinks to bullets, subtle persuasion to threats, that any newspaper correspondent worth his salt has to combat out here today."

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